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that they became members of trade unions? If it is not their policy, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to take back those workers who have been dismissed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the hon. Member does not seem to have understood properly the answer given by me. Though the Executive Officer took objection to the association of outsiders with the union of workers, the action taken against the workers was for their misbehaviour and indiscipline besides their active incitement of other workers also to indiscipline."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" The only act of their misbehaviour and indiscipline was that they issued a pamphlet criticising the action of the Executive Officer. I have seen that pamphlet and it contains certain allegations against the Executive Officer. Did the Government enquire into those allegations and find out whether they are true? To my knowledge, the Government have not cared to do it. Instead of doing this, why should the Government dismiss the workers on that score? Further, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether he is aware that the panchayat board has unanimously resolved and also sent a resolution to the Inspector of Local Boards on the question of reinstatement of those workers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am not aware of it, Sir."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, ordinarily, the administration used to victimize the workers only on the plea of indiscipline. May I know whether the Government have enquired into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Government have received the report of the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils in this matter."

Khadi dealers in the State

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DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Hon. Member who gave notice of this question Sri P. S. Rangaswamy Naidu, is not in his seat. So, the answer and his question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI P. S. RANGASWAMY NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that free licences are issued to the Khadi dealers in the State;

(*b*) whether the Government are taking any action against such dealers who have not obtained free licences; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that action has been taken against one Premier Khadi Corporation, Tiruppur, to collect an amount of Rs. 362–11–0 towards tax for non-possession of free licence for the year 1954–55?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) & (b) Free licences were being issued up to 31st March 1954 to dealers dealing exclusively in Khadi so as to enable them to get the benefit of the exemption from payment of sales tax on Khadi. In the absence of a licence, the dealers were liable to pay sales tax and failure to pay tax rendered them liable to the penal action under the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1939.

" (c) No action has been taken for the year 1954–55 as stated. But action was initiated against the Corporation to collect a sum of Rs. 362–11–0 being the tax due from it for the year 1953–54 on unlicensed transactions."

Extension of electricity to Manjeri, etc.

* 2269 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 12th March 1955 to a supplementary to question No. 1308—

(a) the order of priority assigned to the scheme for the extension of electricity to Manjeri, Malappuram, Kottakal and Perintalmanna; and

(b) when it will be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) As the scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Manjeri, etc., villages is still under the consideration of the Government the question of assigning its rank in the priority list of sanctioned scheme does not arise now.

" (b) In view of the answer to sub-clause (a)above, it is not possible at present to forecast when the scheme is likely to be taken up for execution."

9 a.m. SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—", Sir, in view of the fact that electricity is very necessary for introducing rural water-supply schemes and protected water-supply schemes in major panchayats like Manjeri, Perintalmanna, for the lack of which these panchayats have not been fortunate enough to have these water-supply schemes and in view of the fact that industrial colonies are proposed to be started in the Second Five-Year Plan in centres where there are electricity facilities, will the Government consider extension of electricity to these towns as early as possible?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have stated, Sir, that the scheme itself is awaiting sanction of the Government. Even if it is sanctioned now, it is not likely to be taken up before the close of this year because already our commitments in respect of large-scale programmes is afoot. If at all it is sanctioned and taken up, it can be done only in the year 1956–57."